

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 660

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Sheriff Eddie Farris upon his receipt of the "Day of Recognition" award from the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is proud to be the home of thousands of valiant men and women who serve in law enforcement, proudly donning the uniform and vowing to protect and serve the citizenry of this State; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County Sheriff Eddie Farris recently received the "Day of Recognition" award from the Tennessee Highway Patrol, an honor most befitting his recent acts of heroism in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the award was presented at the Tennessee Highway Patrol's Tennessee Lifesavers' Conference, an annual event that celebrates, educates, and empowers law enforcement partners and traffic safety advocates across the State; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Farris's dual acts of heroism occurred on the same day, one in which he was riding in the Tennessee Highway Patrol's helicopter; with a bird's-eye view of the land below, he was able to locate the victim of a kidnapping and thereby help bring the victim into police protection; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, Sheriff Farris received notice that several individuals were trapped at Cummins Falls as a result of rising flood waters; after rerouting the aircraft, Sheriff Farris brought the nine trapped individuals to safety; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Farris has an impeccable record of service to his community, and his recent heroism in the line of duty is further testament to his devotion to protecting those citizens under his charge; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Eddie Farris went above and beyond the call of duty, his brave actions ultimately helping to save the lives of ten fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, individuals such as Sheriff Farris are exceptional citizens of this State and embody the true spirit of Tennessee volunteerism; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Putnam County Sheriff Eddie Farris upon his receipt of the "Day of Recognition" award from the Tennessee Highway Patrol, commend him for his heroism, and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.